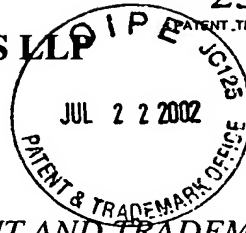




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Submitted herewith is a copy (with English translation as appropriate) of an Official Search Report of the PCT Patent Office in counterpart foreign application No. PCT/US02/02070, filed January 25, 2002.

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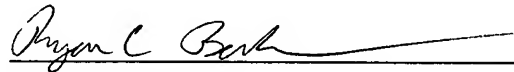
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